GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2317
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PRODUCTION OF BI MODULAR CHARGE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

to Unstarred Question No.2203 answered on March 17, 2005 and state:

(a) whether the production of Bi-modular Charge system will commence from November, 2007 as earlier stated;

(b) if not, the reasons for delay and the new time frame fixed for commencement of production; and

(c) if not, the manner in which the requirements of Army are proposed to be met in the meantime?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a)&(b) : Though, the House was informed on an earlier occasion in March 2005 that the production of BMCS would commence from November 2007, due to time and cost overrun in the project, the same could not be achieved.The government appointed an expert committee in May 2005 to review the project as a whole. After considering the committee's report as well as the requirement of 155mm ammunition in future, it was decided to resume work on the project.It is expected that commercial production of BMCS can commence in about 30 months after issue of revised sanction by government for the increase in the cost of the project.

(c) There is no proposal to import the ammunition at present.